Gauge Conversion of Nizamabad-Mudakhed Rail Line

2244. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests for early conversion of Nizamabad and Mudakhed metre gauge rail line into broad gauge have been received by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof with date of such requests in each case;

(c) whether any progress has since been made on the project, so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with amount spent so far and the period of its completion targeted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A request has been made by Shri G.A. Charan Reddy, MP, in his letter dated 1.8.96.

(c) and (d) The work of gauge conversion of Secunderabad-Mudkhed and Jankampet-Bodhan sections, has been included in Budget, 1997-98. The work would be taken up once the requisite clearances have been obtained.

Earnings by Vijayawada and Secunderabad Divisions

2245. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the respective earnings of Vijayawada and Secunderabad Divisions in Andhra Pradesh in 1995-96;

(b) whether it is a fact that the earnings of these two divisions are extremely high;

(c) whether there is any proportionate reinvestment by the Railways in these two divisions; and

(d) if so, the details of new investments in the said divisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Earnings are not accounted Division-wise. However, the originating earnings of Vijayawada and Secunderabad Divisions for the year 1995-96 are as under:

Vijayawada : Rs. 332.89 crore
Secunderabad : Rs. 893.61 crore

(b) Secunderabad and Vijayawada Divisions are the highest earning Divisions for the S.C. Railway.

(c) and (d) Investments are not made Division-wise. They are made as per line capacity requirements, need for Passenger Amenity Works depending upon the number of passengers, importance of the State etc., apart from the availability of resources.

Cleanliness Drive on South Central Railway

2246. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to ensure cleaner railway stations on Vijayawada Division of South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the stations brought under this programme;

(c) whether any monitoring is being done of the 'Cleanliness' drive launched by the South Central Railway; and

(d) if so, the details of the monitoring system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. A cleanliness campaign had been launched in 1996. A similar campaign has been undertaken on South Central Railway for a period of three months commencing from January, 1997.